

the time of the person's death, subject to any exceptions provided by general law. However, [these] taxes otherwise limited by this subsection may be increased to the extent the value of the homestead is increased by improvements other than repairs or improvements made to comply with governmental requirements.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 1987. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to limit school tax increases on the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of an elderly person if the surviving spouse is at least 55 years of age."

Passed by the House on March 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 121, Nays 18, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 48 on May 6, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on April 28, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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H.J.R. No. 60

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to raise the maximum property tax rate that may be adopted by certain rural fire prevention districts after an election.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article III, Section 48-d, of the Texas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 48-d. (a) The Legislature shall have the power to provide for the establishment and creation of rural fire prevention districts and to authorize a tax on the ad valorem property situated in said districts not to exceed Three (3¢) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation for the support thereof; provided that no tax shall be levied in support of said districts until approved by vote of the people residing therein.

(b) *Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, a rural fire prevention district located wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than 400,000, according to the most recent federal census, may, if approved by vote of the people residing therein, levy a tax on the ad valorem property located in the district at a rate not to exceed Six (6¢) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 3, 1987. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to raise the maximum property tax rate that may be adopted by certain rural fire prevention districts, but only if approved by the districts' residents."

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Passed by the House on May 26, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 9. Passed by the Senate on May 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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H.J.R. No. 65

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment in aid of turnpikes, toll roads, and toll bridges.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article III, Section 52-b, of the Texas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 52-b. (a) The Legislature shall have no power or authority to in any manner lend the credit of the State or grant any public money to, or assume any indebtedness, present or future, bonded or otherwise, of any individual, person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, public corporation, public agency, or political subdivision of the State, or anyone else, which is now or hereafter authorized to construct, maintain or operate toll roads and turnpikes within this State; *provided, however, in addition to the existing powers of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation (the "Department") and the Texas Turnpike Authority (the "Authority") to contract with respect to joint highway projects, the Department may enter into agreements with the Authority whereby the Department or the State of Texas may contribute money, from any source available, to the costs of turnpikes, toll roads, or toll bridges of the Authority.*

(b) *Notwithstanding the provisions of this or any other section of this constitution (including particularly, but not by way of limitation, Article III, Section 52) or other provision of law, and as additional powers and authority, the commissioners court of each county with a population of more than 400,000 according to the most recent federal census, or of any counties adjoining any such county, or the governing body of a city or defined district located wholly or partially in any of those counties, may, on approval of a majority of the qualified voters of the county, city, or district voting at an election called for that purpose by the commissioners court or the governing body, cause to be assessed and collected and may levy and pledge for the purposes of this subsection a separate and special annual ad valorem tax on all taxable property in the county, city, or district. The tax may be levied in addition and without regard to other taxes and without limit as to rate or amount, or within any designated limits, so that sufficient revenue is produced to pay all or any part of the principal of and interest on the bonds issued by the Texas Turnpike Authority or all or any part of the maintenance and operation expenses of projects located wholly or partially in the county, city, or district, to the extent that the net operating revenues of the Authority pledged to the payment of the bonds and/or maintenance and operation expenses are not adequate to pay when due all or any part of the principal and interest or maintenance and operation expenses. An election under this subsection shall be conducted in the same manner as bond elections of the county, city, or district and may designate any limits in the rate or amount of taxes. The commissioners court or governing body may make and enter into agreements with the Authority or each other and may make and enter into any other covenants and agreements with a trustee or otherwise as it determines advisable to exercise the foregoing powers. Because all other matters relating to the issuance of bonds and the levy and collection of taxes authorized by this subsection are subject to Chapter 410, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953 (Article 6674v, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), and to other laws, this subsection is self-executing and requires no enabling legislation. Should the Legislature, however, enact enabling laws in anticipation of the adoption of this amendment, such Acts shall not be void by reason of their anticipatory nature.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 3, 1987. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing agreements between the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation and the Texas Turnpike Authority and the governing bodies of counties with a population of more than 400,000, adjoining counties, and cities and districts located in those counties to aid turnpikes, toll roads, and toll bridges by guaranteeing bonds issued by the Texas Turnpike Authority."

Passed by the House on April 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on May 22, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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